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(BASED ON PCT/JP04/02592)  
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DIFRUCTOSE-DIANHYDRIDE III :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.